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Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 20, 1867.

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee.



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EXPENDITURES.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

S. S. Parker, for support of Abba Wentworth from Feb. 22, 1865 to Feb. 20, 1866,	25 00
Town of Wolfborough, support of Charles Kimball and family from Feb 20, 1865 to Feb 20, 1866	79 60
N. H. Asylum, support of Anna Connolly, a coun- ty pauper, 1 year to Feb 1, 1867	227 92
do support of Harriet S. Cook	49 22
Geo. L. Wentworth, for bill paid N. H Asylum for support of Harriet S. Cook	32 90
Almira Pike, support of Jos. Copp, county pauper	32 50
Eliphalet Willey, board of Moses Copp, do	7 50
John Clark, house rent and pasturing cow for Ly- man Wentworth, a county pauper	19 30
E. C. Colbath, mending boots for N. Burbank	50
Sally Allen, for support of child of Benjamin Al- len 1 year from Feb. 20, 1866,	39 00
Samuel Cook, for 25 weeks board of Nancy Edg- erly,	50 00
Susan A. Nason, for 7 weeks board of Nancy Edgerly	14 00
Samuel Cook, for 3 skeins yarn,	60
making pair shirts	50
“ “ drawers,	25
“ 2 aprons,	25
“ 1 dress,	50
for Mrs. Edgerly	2 10
J. Sinclair, stage fare for Mrs. Edgerly from Union to Samuel Cook's,	75

E. Wadleigh, stage fare for S. Cook and ticket for Mrs. Edgerly to Rochester,	1,15
James P. Fellows, hay delivered Charles Bickford, Town of Pembroke, medical attendance and provisions for Mrs. Jackson alias Roxana Page,	1 00
Noah Sanborn, medical services rendered Hosea Runnels' wife,	8 00
S. S. Parker, support of Abby Wentworth from Feb. 20, 1866, to Feb. 20, 1867,	60 00
Hiram R. Waldron, April 13, for balance due for services as Superintendent of Town Farm and for support of paupers to April 14, 1866,	25,00
J. M. Woodman, April 11, for 15 lbs. Flour del. Alms House,	100,00
W. B. Wentworth, for 8 bus. potatoes del Alms House,	1 00
N. Sanborn, May 17, for visit and medicine for Asa Hutchins	4 00
Paulina Corson, Feb., for support of child of Simpson P. Nutter from Feb. 20, 1866 to Feb. 20, 1867,	2 00
L. G. Cate, 1 bag meal for Charles Bickford,	39 00
E. Wadleigh, paid for supper, lodging and stage fare for pauper to Ossipee,	2 20
Hiram R. Waldron, Feb. 16, board of Daniel Quimby, Nathaniel Burbank, Mary Wentworth and Louisa Nutter, town paupers, from April 14, 1866, to Feb. 23, 1867—	2 00
45 weeks each, at \$1,75 per week,	315 00
for board of Asa Hutchins, 12 weeks, at \$1,75 per week	21 00
board of Mehitable Quimby, 40 weeks at \$1,75 per week,	70 00
extra trouble during last sickness of Asa Hutchins and Mehitable Quimby,	25 00
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	431 00

Jacob Blanchard, boarding Mrs. Betsey Dame twenty weeks from October 8, 1866, at \$2 00 per week,	40 00
Joshua Hill, board of child of Martha Waldron, 20 days, at \$1 50 per week,	4 28
Thomas W. Hill, board of child of Martha Wal- dron 17 weeks from October 21, 1866,	22 66
making clothes for said child,	1 00
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	23 66
Hiram R. Waldron, going after physician for Asa Hutchins,	75
notifying Selectmen of the death of Asa Hutchins,	75
going 2 times after physician for Mrs. Quimby, carrying the body of Asa Hutchins to Hiram W. Hutchins,	1 50
notifying Selectmen of the death of Mrs. Quimby,	2 00
digging grave for Mrs. Quimby	75
funeral expenses for same,	2 00
	3 00
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	10 75
Samuel W. Roberts, visits and medicine at H. R. Waldron's for Asa Hutchins,	11 25
do for Mrs. Quimby,	3 00
ointment for A. Howe,	35
examination relative to small pox. at Mrs. Pray's,	1 00
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	15 60
Neal & Plumer,	
1866. Feb. 1 for matches,	25
22 1 bushel meal,	1 00
Mar 8 1 bag meal	1 95
28 1 "	1 90
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	5 10

Asa Brown,			
1866.	Feb.	12, 1-2 lb snuff,	30
	Mar.	8, 1 lb tobacco 80, 1 bu beans 1,25,	2 05
		1-2 lb tea,	75
		1-2 "	63
		17, 1 shaving brush,	33
		19, paper,	12
		3 gallons mols.	2 25
		28 1-2 lb tea,	75
		1 lb soda,	15
		1 qt kerosene,	28
		2 yds flannel,	1 00
		cotton and linen thread	18
	April	7 7 lbs fish	42
	July	2 2 3-4 yards cloth for robe for Asa Hutchins	1 73
		making and materials,	1 12
	Oct.	27 3 yds cotton flannel,	1 65
		2 yds sheeting, &c.,	68
		2 doz buttons,	32
		4 yds print	1 09
1867.		1 pair shoes,	1 50
	Jan.	21 goods for the burial of Mrs. Quimby	3 64
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			20 94
Thomas J. Dearborn, coffins for Asa Hutchins and Mrs. Quimby			
			20 00
Almira Pike, board and clothing for Joseph Copp, a County pauper,			
			43 89
George H. Wiggin, for boarding Mrs. Edgerly one week,			
			2 00
John G. Sanborn, 800 lbs hay del. Charles Bickford,			
			8 00
Wm. A. Maleham			
1866.	Paid James Daley to get to Fryburg, sick man,		1 00
			1 25
1867.	Jan.	minister to attend funeral of Mrs. Quimby,	2 00
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			4 25

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES.

Satchel Weeks, for damage plowing in front of	
Dearborn house in 1865	5 00
Geo. W. Kenison, for stringer and labor on bridge	
in 1865	4 00
Asa Beacham, for 107 feet plank in 1862	75
135 do 1863	2 71
591 do do	4 72
165 do do	3 30
144 do do	1 15
180 do do	3 50
1026 do do	10 26
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	26 39
Asa Beacham, for breaking roads Dec 7, 1862	3 00
with 14 oxen 2 men 1 day Dec 8	9 00
5 men half day Jan 1863	6 00
breaking roads Jan 30	7 00
3 days work on road Nov 18	3 00
half day on bridge with 4 oxen	1 50
6 days work on road Jan. 1864,	
with 6 cattle, 1 horse and 3 hands	42 00
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	71 50
Less	20 62
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	50 88
J. M. Woodman, for 355 feet pine lumber	6 00
Hiram R. Waldron, for 820 feet plank	11 40
lumber on bridge	1 00
3 1-2 days work on bridge	5 25
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	17 65
Stephen D. Hutchins, for damage by flowage	
caused by the Perkins road, so called	12 50
John Gilman, for 7 days work on road	10 50
F. A. Copp, for amount declared due for labor	
on Copp Mill Bridge in 1864	20 31

Alpheus Nutter, building stone bridge near J. Dore's	40 00
L. G. Cate, for 4078 feet plank	57 53
James D. Hutchins, break'g roads self and oxen 1864	5 00
J. H. Burley, for sharp. 17 drills and 2 crow bars	90
cutting up rods and making nails	1 50
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	2 40
Daniel Brackett, for repairing bridge	1 00
John W. Mathes, for work on road	15 62
N. Meserve, for work on bridge and road with	
plow and scraper	7 74
John W. Sanborn, 3 days at Horn's mills at request	
of W. A. Maleham	3 00
horse and wagon 1 day	1 50
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	4 50
D. Furbush, 2 days on road at Horn's mills	
horse and wagon	6 00
George H. Gage, for 1-2 day as surveyor on petition	
of N. H. Cook	1 50
1 day do on petition of J. H. Cloutman & als	2 50
2 days attendance on road case and travel	2 60
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	6 60
J. H. Cloutman, for making 2 copies of petition for	
new highway and notify'g selectmen & T. clerk	2 00
paid clerk of court for services	3 75
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	5 75
Town of Wakefield, for paid for breaking roads	
in winter of 1865 & 6	45 19
do do do 1866 & 7	178 77

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. McN. Cook and John Tredick, for auditing	
Town Accounts for 1866	4 00
J. F. Walker & Co. for stationery	1 92
George F. Piper, for serving notice on Amasa Copp,	
travel and copy	1 53
Frank Hobbs, for 1-2 day aiding to divide town	
farm and making 2 deeds of same	3 50
John W. Sanborn, services in selling Poor farm \$3	
and stamps for deeds 1,50	4 50
E. J. Lane, for blank books and paper	8 51
George Wadleigh, for printing Town Accounts	55 00
H. P. Mansur, for proportion of Ministerial fund	
due F. B. Society for 1866	11 94
Wm. H. Pike, for proportion of Ministerial fund	
due Methodist Society for 1866	17 91
C. Whitten, for paid balance due for State aid	2 80
John Gilman, for 1 day measuring Town farm and	
1-2 day at Wakefield corner to deed away do	2 00
Joseph Foye, for 1 blank book	1 15
L. D. Sinclair, carrying money from Ossipee to Union	25
E. C. Eastman, for blank receipts	63
S. W. Roberts, for proportion of Ministerial fund	
due the Congregational Society for 1864	17 91
do do do for 1866	17 91
J. F. Walker & Co. for paper and blank books	2 40
D. Lothrop & Co. for pens and ink	1 00
M. B. Canney, for express on money to Boston	
to pay interest on note in 1866	25
do do do 1867	25
John R. Downs, for sheep killed by dogs	6 00
J. W. Mathes, for use of watering place 1 year	3 00
John Gilman, do do do	3 00
Turner N. Seward, do do do	3 00
Thos. J. Dearborn, do do do	3 00
George Gage, wood for office \$1, 2 quires paper 60c	1 60

Ebenezer Garvin, for sheep killed by dogs	4 00
Frauk Hobbs, for drawing petition and papers in ref- ence to guardian of Daniel Copp	2 00
drawing pet for admr on estate of Abner Nutter	1 00
for 1-2 cord prepared wood	2 50
witnesses in Horn's Mills road case	50
	<hr/> 6 00
Daniel Brackett, for collecting taxes in 1862	18 00
Isaac T. Clark, for non-resident highway tax of Gt Falls Man. Co., Asa Jewett, Mark Noble, Wm Blake, Freeman Chamberlain, Nathaniel Goudy, E. Hersom, E. W. Plumer, J. Pike, E. Prescott, J. Page, D. Ricker & N. H. Cook	53 54
I. T. Clark, for collecting taxes for 1866	24 50
do do for 1865	45 00
Daniel Brackett, for abatement of taxes for 1862	11 34
Isaac T. Clark, for abatement of taxes for 1863	10 14
do do do 1864	75 26
do do do 1865	338 93
do do do 1866	72 61
E. Wadleigh, for revenue stamps and postage	14 40
E. Wadleigh, for services as Treasurer	5 00
Nathaniel Barker, for services as S. S. Committee	26 00
Asa Brown, for services as Town Clerk	20 00
E. Wadleigh, for 1 day to Dover to get Acc'ts printed	2 00
March 17 1-2 day at office	1 00
24 1-2 do	1 00
30 1-2 day to Great Falls	1 00
31 1-2 day at office	1 00
April 2 days taking inventory	4 00
7 1-2 day at office	1 00
9 1-2 do	1 00
5 days making taxes	10 00
16 1-2 day at office	1 00
17 expense to Concord to settle with com. for town bounties	7 90

May 5	1-2 day at office	1 60
June 9	expense to Concord to settle State aid	7 95
23	1 day at office dividing school money	2 00
25	1 day at office making school house tax in District No. 4	2 00
30	1-2 day to H. R. Waldron's recording inventory and tax list	1 00 5 00
Nov	3 days at Horn's Mills on road 1 day to Farmington to get witness in road case	6 00 2 00
Dec 31	1-2 day at office revising Jury Box	1 00
Feb 8	1-2 day to Milton to see Jenness family	1 00
20	settling Town accounts and preparing same for publication	10 00
		<hr/> 69 85

Wm. A. Maleham

March 17	1-2 day at office	1 00
24	1-2 do	1 00
27	trip to Ossipee to see Joseph F. Bick- ford in regard to damage he claims of the town	2 00
31	1-2 day at office	1 00
	5 1-2 days taking inventory	11 00
April 8	1-2 day at office	1 00
	4 days making taxes	8 00
14	1 day at H. R. Waldron's	2 00
15	1 day at office	2 00
20	1 day at Ossipee settling pauper acc'ts	3 00
May 2	1 day on surveyors' lists	2 00
4	2 days distributing surveyors' lists	4 00
5	1-2 day settling with S. D. Hutchins	1 00
7	trip to Wolfboro about O. Kimball's fam	2 50
17	trip to H. R. Waldron's	1 00
30	to north part of town about a bridge	2 00
June 21	2 days at office dividing school money	4 00
29	1 day making school house tax	2 00

July 2	1 day to H. W. Hutchins' and H. R. Waldron's about burial of A. Hutchins	2 00
Sept 8	1-2 day at Brookfield	1 00
29	1-2 day at office	1 00
Oct 1	carrying a pauper to Joshua Hill's	1 00
12	making copy and serving same on the parties on the N. H. Cook and Asa W. Hill's petition for a road	2 00
13	1-2 day drawing jury	1 00
22	1 day at Ossipee settling pauper bills	3 00
24	1-2 day at office	1 00
27	1-2 day on road on pet N. H. Cook & als	1 00
	sum. witnesses on Horn's Mill road	2 00
	4 1-2 days on do	9 00
	paid for horse & wagon do	1 50
Dec 31	1-2 day at office revising Jury Box	1 00
Jan 21	trip to H. R. Waldron's in regard to the burial of Mrs Quimby	1 50
Feb 20	settling Town accounts	10 00
		<hr/> 88 50
John G. Sanborn		
March 17	1-2 day at office	1 00
24	1-2 do	1 00
April	8 days taking inventory & mak'g taxes	16 00
May 4	1-2 day at office	1 00
Oct 27	1-2 day on road on pet N. H. Cook & als	1 00
Dec	5 days with county commissioners on Horn's Mill road	10 00
Feb 20	2 days settling Town accounts	4 00
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Whole amount paid for services of Town Officers,
including Town Clerk & Sup. School Committee 243 35.

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Mary A. Wentworth,	in full	241 42
John W. Lang	"	199 25
Charles Chesley	"	200 00
Andrew J. Lord	"	100 00
George W. Chamberlin	"	300 00
Great Falls Bank	"	1,185 50
Daniel W. Emerson	"	69 56
Robert H. Pike	"	342 20
George F. Piper	"	216 24
Pine River Bank	"	2,005 40
Andrew J. Wentworth	"	257 43
Oliver Seavey	"	505 84
James Pickering,	"	449 30
Abiel W. Sibley	"	85 00
John Titterton	"	78 62
Elizabeth Pike	"	51 84
Daniel Cloutman	in part	25 00
Elijah Horn	"	35 00
Edward Townsend	in full	112 00
Turner N. Seward	"	55 00
William K. Fellows	"	107 65
Josiah W. Wiggin	"	245 25
Dolly Gilman	in part	23 00
Eliza A. Lane	in full	54 45
John G. Sanborn	"	424 79
Hanson P. Gilman	"	297 51
James O. Applebee	in part	100 00
Joseph Maleham	"	100 00
Jacob A. Chesley	"	38 68
Amasa Copp	in full	1,010 00
Charles C. Richards	"	318 35
Richmond Richards	"	106 13
Alvah H. Sawyer	interest	16 00
Joseph Maleham	"	21 60

Sarah E. Chesley	"	42 00
Joseph Pike	"	12 88
Satchel Weeks	"	2 00
Emily P. Cook	"	2 00
Algernon S. Weeks	"	90
Joseph P. Gilman	"	24 00
Robert W. Sawyer	"	7 36
Lydia Gilman	"	36 48
Annie H. Sawyer,	"	53 52
Nathaniel Paul	"	3 00
Almira B. Cook	"	8 00
Augustine Conant	"	300 00
Z. S. Perkins	"	18 60
B. C. Perkins	"	80 00
Joseph B. Wiggin	"	112 00
Abby P. Bennett	"	34 49
Wm. Sawyer, jr.	"	6 00
Hiram Paul	"	27 00
George A. Richards	"	3 40
T. W. Lyford	"	56 00
Burrows Drew	"	4 64
Harriet A. Maleham	"	30 00
Elisha Rollins	"	63 30

LIABILITIES.

James O Applebee	on note.....	113 71
Hannah J. Abbott	"	935 64
Jacob S. Adams	"	522 14
John F. Berry	"	382 43
Daniel S. Burley	"	102 75
Lydia Burley	"	823 04
Plumer Burley	"	205 70
Abby P. Bennett	"	431 16
Daniel Cloutman	"	120 17
Thomas Cloutman	"	146 06
Augustine Conant	"	5,000 00
Jacob A. Chesley	"	100 00
Sarah E. Chesley	"	211 10
Emily A. Cook	"	426 96
Almira B. Cook	"	411 20
Wm. R. Cook	"	141 40
John Clark	"	475 84
Burrows Drew	"	220 00
Mahala Durrell	"	382 58
Ebenezer Fogg	"	575 84
Mary Garland	"	60 08
Jonathan Gage	"	195 30
Joseph P. Gilman	"	208 00
Lydia Gilman	"	478 52
Dolly Gilman	"	226 79
David Grant	"	210 53
Elijah Horne	"	518 64
Abby G. Hutchins	"	311 38
Betsey Hutchins	"	231 46
Nancy R. Hutchins	"	65 58
Susan A. Hutchins	"	753 12
Martha B. Horne	"	730 97
George F. Hobbs	"	489 56
Sarah Kimball	"	262 37

Harrison Libbey	"	1,193 26
Theophilus W. Lyford	"	821 60
Robert Moulton	"	54 90
Joseph Morrill	"	706 89
Harriet A. Maleham	"	512 50
Joseph Maleham	"	109 36
Hiram Paul	"	300 00
Francis H. Peters	"	171 91
Charles W. Perkins	"	1,077 75
Z. S. Perkins	"	654 94
Joseph Pike	"	738 50
Sarah A. Quimby	"	115 70
George A. Richards	"	50 00
Elisha Rollins	"	700 00
Wm. E. Tucker	"	117 68
Mehitable Sawyer	"	100 00
Annie H. Sawyer	"	1,170 00
Robert W. Sawyer	"	420 80
James A. Tucker	"	115 73
Savina G. Tibbets	"	669 67
Nathan J. Weeks	"	85 61
Sally M. Wiggin	"	1,089 60
Martha C. Weeks	"	70 00
Frank J. Wiggin	"	169 56
John E. Witham	"	415 00
Joseph B. Wiggin	"	1,411 81
Sally C. Weeks	"	170 00
Otis Wiswall	"	212 00
Algernon S. Weeks	"	47 31
Samuel Yeaton	"	212 00
Isaac T. Clark, when he settles list of taxes for 1866		45 00
Due the several religious societies for inter- est on the ministerial fund		26 85
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RESOURCES.

Due from Isaac T. Clark on his tax list for 1863	5 50
do do do 1864	59 00
do do do 1865	300 00
do do do 1866	2350 00
County of Carroll for support of County paupers	125 65
U. S. Government for bounties	3860 00
Owners Copp Mill in part for rep. bridge	35 00
In hands of Treasurer	932 44
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	\$7,667 59

Total amount of outstanding demands against the town, to the date of this report is thirty thousand, three hundred and sixteen dollars and ninety five cents

30,316 95

There remains due in the collector's list and hands of Selectmen and other sources, the whole amounting to seven thousand six hundred sixty seven dollars and fifty nine cents

7,667 59

Leaving a balance against the town (exclusive of ministerial and school funds) of

\$22,649 36

SCHOOLS.

To paid District No. 1,	91 88
" " " 2,	110 03
" " " 3,	46 27
" " " 4,	62 16
" " " 5,	73 14
" " " 6,	56 05
" " " 7,	42 20
" " " 8,	56 83
" " " 9,	132 63
" " " 10,	48 43
" " " 11,	26 80
Wm. Blake, Edmund B. Tibbets, school money,	36

\$746 78

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN
ASSISTED THE PAST YEAR.

TOWN PAUPERS.

Nathaniel Burbank,	Betsey Dame,
*Asa Hutchins,	Nancy Edgerly,
Daniel Quimby,	Louisa Nutter,
Charles Kimball and family,	*Mehitable Quimby,
Child of Benjamin Allen,	Abba Wentworth,
Child of Simpson P. Nutter,	Mary Wentworth.
Child of Martha Waldron.	

Harriet S. Cook,	supported in part.
Family of Albert Jenness,	do
Roxana Page,	do
Charles Bickford,	do

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Joseph Copp,	Moses Copp,	Ann Connolly.
William Copp,	Lyman Wentworth.	

DEATHS.

*Asa Hutchins died July, 1866, aged 56.
*Mehitable Quimby died January, 1867, aged 61.

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH
SELECTMEN—1866-7.

DR.

To paid incidental expenses	1,092 83
support of Town poor	1,023 95
" County poor	331 11
H. R. Waldron bal. of his salary for 1865	100 00
on account of Town debt	10,355 58
Highways and Bridges	529 23
County Tax	1,187 80
State Tax	2,137 50
Schools	746 78
outstanding on collector's list for 1866	2,350 00
balance in hands of Treasurer	932 44
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	\$20,787 22

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By balance from Treasurer of last year	792 44
tax list of 1866	8,804 80
proceeds of Town notes	5,111 24
of State for aid furnished to families of vols.	177 05
" Literary fund	54 00
" Savings Banks	35 89
U. S. for bounties	680 00
Daniel Brackett, collector of 1862	15 48
Isaac T. Clark do 1863	16 58
do do 1864	241 00
do do 1865	2,500 00
John G. Sanborn	334 68
Wm. Sawyer, interest on surplus rev. fund	28 74
cash for interest	7 88
proceeds of sale of Town farm	1,000 00

County of Carroll	644 19
wood and brick	19 25
State on note	324 00

\$20,787 22

ELIJAH WADLEIGH,	}	Selectmen of Wakefield.
WILLIAM A. MALEAAM,		
JOHN G. SANBORN,		

Wakefield, Feb. 25, 1867.

We, the subscribers, having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, hereby report that we have found them well vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN W. SANBORN,	}	Auditors.
JAMES McN. COOK,		

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Wakefield:—

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submits his annual report.

In the discharge of this duty he is permitted to give the animating assurance that there is, at the present time, a very general and increasing interest manifested in the cause of education. All good citizens in our town, and all such citizens in New England, have, from the beginning, regarded the public schools with favor, and sustained them with a liberal measure of patronage; but at no period in the history of the past has there been such a deep conviction of the importance of extending the benefits of our system of free schools through the whole length and breadth of the land,—to all the swarming myriads of the youthful generation, who are awaiting such a destiny.—This assurance is derived not merely from the fact that such generous and princely benefactions have been made to colleges, and other seminaries of learning, during a dark period when a heavy burden of taxes was levied on all the resources of the nation,—nor from the fact that the work of educating millions of freedmen has been commenced with such a liberal and self-sacrificing zeal. But Christian patriots have derived lessons from a terrible conflict, and from passing events; and undismayed by the vastness of the work to be accomplished, they have formed the purpose of extending the benefits of a system of education, that comprises *moral* and religious, as well as intellectual, cultivation through all the states and territories that have hitherto but partially enjoyed such benefits. And why should

not a loyal people, who have placed such a sacrifice on the altar of freedom, engage in this work with the deepest enthusiasm? By what other instrumentality can the civil and religious institutions, for which they have so nobly and heroically toiled and suffered, be perpetuated? "Already," as testified by one who has been a pioneer in this great enterprize, "nearly every town of any importance throughout the South is now enjoying the benefits of education furnished by the benevolence of the North, and taught by the most accomplished minds of our best northern schools." Not only have schools for primary instruction been established, but higher seminaries, one of which has been established on Lookout Mountain, on one elevation of which sleep twelve thousand of our brave soldiers who laid their lives on the altar of their country. This seminary, endowed by a noble generosity, receives pupils at the present time from six or seven states. The spirit in which this great enterprize of Christian philanthropy has been so successfully commenced, is becoming, we trust, the spirit of the age. It is the spirit with which we need to be inspired as we take a review of the work required of us in a more limited sphere. The district schools of the town have all been in operation during some part of the year, and have generally performed their work with a good measure of success. This will be seen, we think, in a reference to each school separately, as required by law.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term. Length 7 weeks: whole number of scholars 27; average attendance 22; instances of tardiness 85; of dismissal 50; number of pupils not absent one-half day 4. Teacher Miss C. J. Maleham. The discipline and progress of her first school were good.

Winter term. Length 4 1-2 weeks; whole number of scholars 27; average attendance 17 8-27; instances of tardiness 10; of dismissal 34. Teacher, Mr. C. J. Ricker.

This teacher was well qualified as it respects his literary attainments, but failed to secure the confidence of his pu-

pils and their parents, and left the school before the term for which he had been employed was finished. This school was visited at the commencement of the term, and was found in a progressive state. After two or three weeks some dissatisfaction was manifested, and continued to increase till the committee was requested to visit the school.

At an examination of the charges brought against the teacher, it was found that his method of giving instruction had failed to secure an interest in his pupils. For this and some other reasons, the parents present, a minority of the district, seemed decided on having the school brought summarily to a close. But as the teacher seemed disposed to conciliate, and adopt in his teaching the more common method of the schools, the committee thought it proper to recommend that a meeting of the district should be called, and a decision be given at that meeting, with which the teacher was willing to acquiesce. This course was recommended because it was hoped that some conciliatory measures might be pursued so that the school would be continued only a little more than a week, and thus prevent a bad precedent; and, because it was thought that this would produce a better state of feeling in the district than a more hasty process. At the meeting proposed, the school was brought to a close by the few who attended it.

The method of teaching in this school was that of analysis, to which the teacher had become excessively partial in his course of training. We regard analysis in teaching as very important, but when carried into an extreme, it may serve only to mystify and confuse, rather than assist pupils who are very far advanced. A well balanced mind will, we think, pursue the medium course, avoiding the opposite extreme of conforming entirely to a set of established rules. We think that difficulties might sometimes be prevented if parents, when dissatisfied, would first go to their teacher, and with kind suggestions, endeavor to assist him in his difficult work. A protracted reference to the difficulties of this school has been made because the circumstances of the case seemed to demand it.

Another school has been in operation some weeks, sustained, in part, at least, by private tuition ; but the committee has no means of reporting it. May all in the district unite their best endeavors to make their school what it ought to be.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term. Length 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars 34 ; average attendance 30 ; instances of tardiness 137 ; of dismissal 49 ; number of pupils not absent one-half day 7. Teacher, Miss M. A. Hobbs.

Under her instruction the operations of the school were performed with good success. Ten pupils are reported as having made history a study—a study that is too generally neglected.

Winter term. Length 8 1-2 weeks ; whole number of scholars 35 ; average attendance 29 ; instances of tardiness 10 ; of dismissal 18 ; number of pupils not absent one half day 15. Teacher, Mr. E. P. Hodsdon.

By his active energy, and skill in teaching, this school has been made an example of unusually good order, and progress. Mr. Hodsdon was the well-accredited teacher of the winter term, and of the High School in this district during last year.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term. Length 6 weeks ; whole number of scholars 18 ; average attendance 16 ; instances of tardiness 7 ; of dismissal 3 ; number of pupils not absent one-half day 2.

Winter term. Length 5 1-2 weeks ; whole number of scholars 18 ; average attendance 16 ; instances of tardiness 4 ; of dismissal 1 ; number not absent one-half day 3. Teacher of both terms, Miss E. S. Cook.

This teacher communicates instruction with great accuracy, and thoroughness. Both the short terms under her good management were made very profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Fall term. Length 10 1-3 weeks ; whole number of scholars 16 ; average attendance 13 ; instances of tardiness 193 ; of dismissal 187 ; number not absent one-half day 1. Teacher, Mr. J. W. Garvin—a new but successful teacher.

The interest of the school was well sustained, with a regard to good order, and a constant endeavor to make the pupils thorough in all their recitations. There was evidence at the examination of very good results. This district had but one term. Their schoolhouse, under all the storms that have beat upon it, still endures ; but we think that the discomforts it occasions should not much longer be endured.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term. Length 6 weeks ; whole number of scholars 27 ; average attendance 22 ; instances of tardiness 23 ; of dismissal 0 ; number not absent one-half day 5.

Winter term. Length 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars 25 ; average attendance 21 ; instances of tardiness 47 ; of dismissal 4 ; number not absent one-half day 3. Teacher of both terms, Miss L. A. Gale.

By the active energy of one who is apt to teach, an interest was awakened in this school, and well sustained during both terms. Particular attention was paid to the reading exercises, and with very manifest improvement. Thorough instruction was given in every branch of study, with a due regard to some first lessons—the rudiments that are too much neglected. This school is not so far advanced now as in some past years. The pupils are comparatively young ; but such a school, under the instruction of an excellent teacher, is worthy of a better house.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term. Length 5 weeks ; whole number of scholars 22 ; average attendance 20 ; instances of tardiness 3 ;

of dismissal 10 ; number not absent one-half day 4. Teacher, Miss D. P. Hill. She kept a good school.

Winter term. Length ———; whole number of scholars 19 ; average attendance 15 ; instances of tardiness 15 ; of dismissal 6 ; number not absent one-half day 5. Teacher, Miss M. A. Smith.

This school, when last visited, was found in a well-ordered and progressive state. It will, we have no doubt, afford evidence of good results at the close. The statistics are necessarily imperfect—the school is to be continued several weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Winter term. Length 12 2-3 weeks ; whole number of scholars 30 ; average attendance 26 ; instances of tardiness 16 ; of dismissal 8 ; number not absent one-half day 4. Teacher, Miss A. P. Smith.

This District had but one term, but a profitable school. In the reading exercises, and in all the recitations there was evidence that the teacher's work had been thoroughly and faithfully performed. We feel assured that a District, that has manifested so much interest in behalf of their school in past time, will soon provide for it a better house.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Winter term. Length 9 weeks ; whole number of scholars 20 ; average attendance 17 ; instances of tardiness 53 ; of dismissal 54 ; number not absent one-half day 6. Teacher, Mr. M. C. Morse.

This was the first experiment of a young teacher. In the order and operations of the school at the commencement of the term there were indications of success. In consequence of the extreme cold, and the impassable state of the roads, the school was not visited on the day of the closing examination. We have been assured that the teacher gave general satisfaction to his pupils and their parents.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term. Length 10 weeks ; whole number of scholars 66 ; average attendance 51 ; instances of tardiness 281 ; of dismissal 111 ; number not absent one-half day 6.

Winter term. Length 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars 62 ; average attendance 49 ; instances of tardiness 233 ; of dismissal 159 ; number not absent one-half day 0. Teacher of both terms, Miss A. A. Wadleigh.

The labors of the teacher in this school have been very abundant, and have been sustained with active energy.—We think they have resulted in the manifest improvement of her pupils. By her incessant toil, and promptness in communicating instruction all were benefitted—a portion of the school made very good progress. The great number of marks of tardiness, faithfully registered, indicate a neglect of duty on the part of parents. In a community where other interests are managed by railroad time and speed, why should not promptness be required of children? It is an important habit that ought to be established in their education.

The work required of a teacher in this District is too much for any one individual. A large proportion of the pupils are comparatively young—they are divided into a great number of classes, so that a very limited space of time can be devoted to each class in the regular drill. We are not in favor of dividing Districts. We have too many now. But we think that the interests of all may be promoted by making this a graded school. There are in the District 79 scholars,—they cannot be well governed and instructed in one room. It is with a generous liberality that a nice house, made pleasant and attractive, has been provided for this school, and we hope the District will not be weary in well-doing when such important interests are to be promoted. The present house might be divided into two rooms ; we think it would be far better to provide a separate room in another house.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer Term. Length 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars 11 ; average attendance 8 ; instances of tardiness 3 ; of dismissal 8 ; number not absent one-half day 1.

Teacher, Miss M. J. Tibbetts. The average improvement of the scholars was good.

Winter Term. Length 6 weeks ; whole number of scholars 14 ; average attendance 12 ; instances of tardiness 17 ; of dismissal none ; number not absent one-half day 2. Teacher, Miss M. E. Lincoln.

Miss Lincoln had given instruction to a part of her pupils during a previous term in the High School. She kept for this district an excellent school.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer Term. Length 4 weeks ; whole number of scholars 21 ; average attendance 20 ; instances of tardiness none ; of dismissal none ; number not absent one-half day 19.

Winter term. Length 5 weeks ; whole number of scholars 21 ; average attendance 18 ; instances of tardiness 26 ; of dismissal none ; number not absent one-half day 4. Teacher, Miss E. R. Swett.

Under the instruction of an experienced and well qualified teacher, this school made very good progress during both of its short terms. In view of the increasing interest in this school, it is hoped that the district will soon be induced to provide for it a convenient house.

We are happy to report in this connection, the successful operations of a High School, established under the supervision of Mr. E. P. Hodsdon, and kept in the room of the old Academy, and under the control of a board of trustees.

Fall Term. Whole number of scholars 79. The teachers in this school awakened a deep interest in their pupils, and sustained it with very good results.

Mr. Hodsdon, aided by assistant teachers, has just commenced a spring term. It is hoped that many of the youth in different parts of the town will avail themselves of its advantages.

Your Committee has made another review of the District Schools with a renewed interest, and has endeavored to impress on the attention of teachers and pupils the importance of making the most of their advantages, from the consideration that the terms, in most of the schools, are so very short. A larger appropriation from the town is needed. This has repeatedly been recommended without avail. It can be obtained in the same way that larger amounts are appropriated to sustain other interests of the State,—that is, by legislation. Why should it not be sought in this way ?

But a request for any larger appropriation for this object at the present time, will, perhaps, be thought oppressive. But why oppressive ? Is not this the most important interest committed to the care of the town ? When for every other interest an increasing amount must, in some way, be provided, is it right that the schools should be limited in their operations, to the amount given them in past years ?

If we must wait for legislation, why should not the schools in different districts be prolonged by furnishing fuel and board gratuitously, or by private tuition ? When the appropriations made at the present time, are so diminished in the value of the currency and in other ways, we think this would be a wise policy. The inconvenience occasioned by too great a variety in classes, has resulted, in part, from a neglect in one or two districts to provide the books that have been recommended by the Committee ; in other cases a new grammar has been partially introduced without any formal recommendation.

In regard to the readers now in use, we think there is no call for a change. The Progressive series of Town and Holbrook, including the Speller and Definer which has recently been revised, we regard as the best series now used. It is used more extensively in New England than any other, and is recommended by the highest authority.

The grammar now in the schools, only needs a more thorough acquaintance to be appreciated. The new one by Quackenbos, may be a good grammar, but when introduced it should be formally adopted and recommended by the Com-

mittees on whomever the duty may devolve. It is only in this way that the difficulty complained of can be avoided. Quackenbos' History of the United States has been recommended heretofore, and we think ought to be made a study by larger numbers in most of the schools.

The teachers employed during the year have generally discharged their duty, we are assured, with some due regard to their high responsibility. In some instances it is thought that one branch of study has been pressed forward to the practical neglect of other studies, that are equally important in a useful education. There is an indication, not only to advance too rapidly to higher classes in the reading exercise, but to devote too large a proportion of time to that study which seems to be regarded as the criterion of scholarship. This inclination needs a check. In a few schools the first lessons in the rudiments, and also lessons in elocution, received a due share of attention with very happy results. But the work of teachers is not restricted to the intellectual cultivation of their pupils. It includes a regard to their improvement in manners and in moral virtue. We have noticed with great satisfaction the watchful care of some teachers, in their endeavors to impart moral instruction; sometimes by indirect methods, such as will be wisely sought by a good teacher. It is true that "any system of education is radically defective that does not require positive moral and religious instruction." In estimating the qualifications of teachers, we ask not for a "religious test," with regard to any sectarian views, but we believe it to be the duty of committees and parents, and all that share an interest in the responsibility, to watch the operations of the schools with increasing vigilance; and to require moral instruction to be given to the youthful generation, inculcating that fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom, on the authority of an open Bible, in every school. This is that vital part of education that is too much neglected. It is by this neglect that the highest interests of communities and of the nation, have been imperiled.

In past time we have endeavored to impress on the attention

of parents and teachers the importance of this duty, with a reference to coming events, but never thinking that the generation that was then pressing forward, would be called to act a part in the terrible drama that has drenched in blood so many of the fairest fields of our inheritance. And with the past in view, and a moral conflict still impending, by what considerations can we make some right estimate of the work now on our hands? They should be such as will touch the springs of parental affection and solicitude, and awaken in teachers a more earnest purpose, and excite in every good citizen a generous enthusiasm, such as will even reanimate the sluggish sympathies of age, and enkindle in youth a laudable ambition to become well prepared for an inevitable destiny. But we are allowed no space for a protracted combination of motives. It is enough to be asured that the schools, for which we solicit an increasing liberality and a warmer zeal, are performing a part in the noble work, by which our system of schools is extended on a wider scale, and in which it is designed to confer its blessings impartially on every race that has found a home in the land of the free.

It is a godlike enterprise of christian philanthropy, which is hastened forward with unexampled success. By its agencies a multitude of teachers, of the best qualifications, and of high purpose, are sustained in the schools that are working at the foundation, and are preparing the way, in which they will become a better defence for Republican Institutions, than has ever been found in armies and navies. When extended through our wide domain, they may supersede the military schools, which teach the science of war.

Let this work be consummated, and the enlightening influence of the schools, accompanied with the gospel of peace, be felt throughout the nation, and they will make our land the glory of all lands.

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